

Upcoming Events:

Monday 19th December—Monday 2nd January: School closed for Christmas holiday period

Tuesday 3rd January: Children return to school.

Friday 13th January: E-safety coffee morning for parents and carers (8:45am). Join us to learn more about keeping your child safe online.

Thursday 26th January: Debate heats in classes.

Friday 27th January: Literacy coffee morning for parents and carers (8:45am). Join us to find out how English is taught across the school and gain some top tips to support children at home.

Thursday 2nd February: Debate Finals

Tuesday 7th February: Internet Awareness Day

Tuesday 7th February: Year 5 and 6 disco (Time to be confirmed).

Friday 10th February: Half Term (School closed).

Messages from the Principal

Good afternoon,

It has been incredible to witness the Westerton traditions around this time of the year with a number of excellent Christmas performances for parents and carers all topped off last night with our choir, orchestra and readers leading a lovely Christmas service at St Mary’s church.



I feel privileged to have joined such a collegiate school community and have enjoyed getting to know each and every individual I have met. I look forward to the Spring term and all that the rest of the academic year has to offer. Thank you children, staff and the wider school community for your dedication and commitment to Westerton and enabling one another to thrive.

Please ensure that you all remain safe during the Christmas break. Look after one another and enjoy the holiday period. I look forward to seeing you all in January!

David Livie
Principal

This week...

We held workshops with the children in order to enable them to make better choices about their lives and futures. The workshop leaders discussed themes such as online safety, legalities around age and anti-social behaviour.



Achievement Awards			
Class	Researcher	Citizen	Academic
RLE		Teddy	Freddie D
RCT		Jaxon W	Orla
RCB		Manraj	Eva
1AC	Isabella	Annabeth	William
1AL	Noah	Levi	Freddie H
1CL	Octavia	Niamh	Farrell
2SW	Kiera	James	Lulu
2LD	Raul	Isla D	Bobby
2AT		Shayan	Kai
3JW			
3EN	Leo G	Ben	Harry
3GG	sam	Georgie	Luella
4JB	Tristan	Oscar	Albie
4RW	N/A	Isobel	Kyle
4BH	Livie	Erika	Jack
5RC	Scarlett	Izzy	Junior
5SM	Brax	Penny	Henry
5SG	Brayden	Olly	Harry B
6KD		Finley D	George R
6ME		Harrison	Delilah
6JM	Jake	Charlie W	Charlie C

Vocabulary Corner

“For last year's words belong to last year's language And next year's words await another voice.” — T.S. Eliot,



Aromatic: having a pleasant and distinctive smell. How many different ways can you use the word **aromatic**? E.g. The flower gave off a wonderful, **aromatic** aroma. How many other sentences can you generate including the word **aromatic**?

Challenge of the Week

As the end of the year draws close, it is important to remember and celebrate all of our accomplishments. It is also important to have aspirations and set goals for the new year based on what we want to achieve.

Decide on one goal and how you could portray it visually.

Your challenge is to create a picture in an art style of your choice, which represents something that you wish to achieve in 2023. All you need is poster paper or card, colours/paint and your own creative ideas!





Keeping Safe This Winter

Water safety

Reservoirs are not playgrounds! Frozen lakes are extremely dangerous!

As many of you may be aware of the extremely tragic incident that happened in Babbs Mill Lake in Solihull where children fell through a frozen lake and the freezing temperatures resulted in them having hypothermia and/or drowning resulting in them tragically losing their lives.

In our school community area, we have a reservoir, frozen water is extremely dangerous. Please share the following advice with your children and other parents to make everyone aware of the dangers and stay safe!

Staying safe near frozen lakes

Children should not go on the ice under any circumstances

Stay away from the edge of bodies of water as uneven terrain can make slips and falls more likely

Whenever possible, stick to well-lit routes away from water

Keep dogs on a lead when they're near the ice, and don't throw sticks or toys on to the ice

St Mary's Church Christmas Carols

Our Choir, orchestra and readers were unbelievable at St Mary's Church on Thursday evening as they performed a plethora of Christmas songs and readings for the congregation. Well done to all of the children and thank you to Mrs Bedford, Mr Pool, Mrs Dawson, Mrs Downes, Mrs Harvey, Mrs Wilsher, Mrs Pearson, Mrs Vincent, Mr Wahwell, Miss Larkin and Mr Kippen for supporting the children.



Reverse Advent Donations

Thank you for the incredible response to our 'Reverse Advent' appeal for the homeless. On Wednesday morning we delivered all the donations to the Night Shelter in Wakefield with help from four of our Year Six children.



Father Christmas

This week we had a surprise visit from Father Christmas. He brought along one of his elves to wish all of the children a Merry Christmas during their Christmas parties and even gave all of the children a pre-Christmas treat! We also have to commend Chase in Year 2 for his incredible Christmas party outfit!



Westerton Talent Show

We have had some unbelievable talent grace the stage today during our 'Talent Show', however this, not so co-ordinated, group tried their very best to perform Nutcracker alongside Miss Garfield without much luck!

